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The reply filed on 11/18/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has elected Group I and argued that Group II should also be examined. The last two paragraphs of page 6, of the previous office action, indicated that in the event one of Groups I-IV or VI-VII were to be elected, there would be a requirement for an election of species. Applicant's response has not elected a species. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A Saunders, PhD whose telephone number is 703-308-3976. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thu. from 8:00 to 5:30. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan, can be reached on (703) 308-3973. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0196.

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